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Smallpox at Middlesborough, Ky.—(Continued).

MIDDLESBOROUGH, KY., April 7, 1898.

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report on the smallpox situation in this city:

In the smallpox hospital there remain 19 cases; in the detention camp, 14. Since the last report (March 28, ultimo) 5 new cases of smallpox have developed, 2 of which were in the detention camp. The last case occurred yesterday.

It was thought best to continue the quarantine of the city until another thorough house-to-house inspection could be made, and until the work of disinfection of all known infected houses could be completed. The 300 tubes of virus, telegraphed for upon my arrival April 4, came yesterday and another inspection of the city was begun. This will be finished this week, as will also the work of disinfection.

In my opinion, quarantine may be safely raised on Monday, April 11, and I have communicated with the State board of health, through its representative here, to that effect. By that time the detention camp can be abandoned, the quarantine guards dismissed, and our force reduced to those necessary for the care of the three or four patients remaining in the smallpox hospital. Unless other cases develop these few can be transferred to the county pesthouse, if orders to that effect are received from the Bureau, and the Service affairs here can be brought to a close on the 12th or 13th instant.

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Very respectfully,

HILL HASTINGS,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

[Telegram.]

MIDDLESBOROUGH, KY., April 12, 1898.

Work is finished. The 3 remaining convalescents in pesthouse can be turned over to health officer and Service affairs terminated to-morrow, if so ordered.

HASTINGS, Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Smallpox at Little Rock, Ark.—(Continued).

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., April 7, 1898.

SIR: I have the honor to report as follows for the week ended April 7, concerning the smallpox in Little Rock: Since my first report, dated March 31, 1898, 4 more cases have been discovered, making a total of 6 cases to date. All of the cases are among negroes, and with the exception of 1 case in Argenta (North Little Rock), have developed in the southwestern part of the city, where the negro population mostly reside. All cases have been removed to smallpox hospital and places of origin disinfected and guarded.

Very respectfully,

L. P. GIBSON,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Smallpox in Ohio.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, April 8, 1898.

SIR: I beg to inform you of the existence of 6 cases of smallpox in Fairfield County, near the village of Carroll. The first case occurred in

a man named Smith, a resident who returned from Waycross, Ga., shortly before he was taken ill. He died and 5 cases developed in that family and another case in a family living near by. Proper precautions are being taken.

Yours truly,

C. O. PROBST,
Secretary, State Board.

Climate of Seattle, Wash.

SEATTLE, WASH., *March 29, 1898.*

SIR: In answering the letter of inquiry of C. L. Minor, M. D., of Asheville, N. C., I have the honor to submit the following detail of Seattle's climate, which is based upon the official records of the United States Weather Bureau at this city, covering a period of seven years:

January, mean temperature, 40.6 degrees; precipitation, mean, 4.80 inches; wind, mean velocity, 7 miles; relative humidity, 82 per cent. February, mean temperature, 41 degrees; mean precipitation, 3.41 inches; wind, mean velocity hourly, 8 miles; relative humidity, 81 per cent. March, mean temperature, 45 degrees; mean precipitation, 3.42 inches; wind mean velocity hourly, 6 miles; relative humidity, 82 per cent. April, mean temperature, 49 degrees; mean precipitation, 4.01 inches; wind, mean velocity hourly, 7 miles; relative humidity, 70 per cent. May, mean temperature, 55 degrees; mean precipitation, 2.65 inches; wind, mean velocity hourly, 6 miles; relative humidity, 70 per cent. June, mean temperature, 60 degrees; mean precipitation, 1.35 inches; wind, mean velocity hourly, 5 miles; relative humidity, 66 per cent. July, mean temperature, 64 degrees; mean precipitation, 0.46 of an inch; wind, mean velocity hourly, 4 miles; relative humidity, 65 per cent. August, mean temperature, 64 degrees; mean precipitation, 0.27 of an inch; wind, mean velocity hourly, 3 miles; relative humidity, 74 per cent. September, mean temperature, 57 degrees; mean precipitation, 2.08 inches; wind, mean velocity hourly, 3 miles; relative humidity, 78 per cent. October, mean temperature, 52 degrees; mean precipitation, 2.52 inches; wind, mean velocity hourly, 4 miles; relative humidity, 81 per cent. November, mean temperature, 45 degrees; mean precipitation, 5.83 inches; wind, mean velocity hourly, 6 miles; relative humidity, 83 per cent. December, mean temperature, 42 degrees; mean precipitation, 5.94 inches; wind, mean velocity hourly, 6 miles; relative humidity, 88 per cent.

The mean annual temperature is 51 degrees; the highest recorded is 93 in June; the lowest 22 in March. The mean precipitation for the year is 37.94 inches, distributed over 168 cloudy and 110 partially cloudy days. The rain is very seldom heavy, much of it being a light, misty form, hardly requiring the protection of an umbrella or raincoat.

Cases of pulmonary tuberculosis do not do well here. Those originating here usually run a rapid course. Where the patient's circumstances permit, we usually send them to Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAS. B. EAGLESON,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.